

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 9, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Daniel Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Paul Kinney, Sylvia Costa, Kathy Shepperson, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Hugh Gross; Office Assistant Amy Seamans and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent was Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski.

PROCLAMATION – PENNSYLVANIA HOMECARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

Mayor Knorr proclaimed the month of November 2009 as Pennsylvania Homecare and Hospice Month in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Susan Smith of the Columbia Montour Home Health/Hospice Agency.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr stated that there is an important budget workshop scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th and is open to the public. Everyone joined Mayor Knorr in thanking Veterans Parade Committee Chair, Paul Kinney, for organizing a really nice parade this past Saturday. P. Kinney asked Mayor Knorr to appoint a new chair to the parade committee. He feels the chair should be a Council Member. He has two years remaining to his term and doesn't plan to run for reelection. He feels the new person will need a couple of years to learn the procedure. Mayor Knorr asked members to let him know if they are interested and he would appoint someone at the next Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 26, 2009 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$120,414.39; Recycling Fund, \$13,632.15; Street Lighting Fund, \$10,574.05; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$248.40; Capital Projects, \$50,565.14; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$2,310.82; Liquid Fuels, \$1,401.13 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$212,123.91.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding JJ Fuel to the Town Vendor list.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,367.22 and \$2,489.99 from the Employees Pension Plan for quarterly trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE GENERAL FUND, POLICE PENSION PLAN AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,635.86, \$225.00 from the Police Pension Plan and \$510.00 from the Employees Pension Plan.

APPROVAL OF SENDING A LETTER OF INTENT TO DCED REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter of intent to DCED requesting a study of the Town Administrative, Finance and Code Enforcement offices.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF EZ CHILD ID SYSTEM

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of an EZ Child ID System in the amount of \$4,758.00 with grant funds from the Alcoa Foundation.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING ESCROWED FUNDS FOR BU APARTMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$49,030.00 in escrowed funds to the developer of the BU Apartments land development project.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING ESCROWED FUNDS FOR CENTER STREET LUXURY APARTMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing all remaining escrowed funds to the developer of the Center Street Luxury Apartments land development project.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING ESCROWED FUNDS FOR 401-403 LIGHTSTREET ROAD LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$56,729.75 in escrowed funds to the developer of the 401-403 Lightstreet Road land development project.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING ESCROWED FUNDS FOR IRONDALE APARTMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$133,540.00 in escrowed funds to the developer of the Irondale Apartments land development project.

APPROVAL OF VACATION DAY PROMOTION AS PART OF TOWN EMPLOYEE UNITED WAY FUND DRIVE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a "vacation day" promotion as part of the Town employee United Way Fund Drive.

APPROVAL OF AMENDING PURCHASE OF WATER RESISTANT MOBILE RADIO TO INCLUDE HEADSET AND INTERCOM SYSTEM

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending the purchase of the water resistant mobile radio to include a headset and intercom system in the amount of \$3,360.90 from Keystone Communications for use in the Fire Department boat.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Cliff and Linda Childs to install a four foot high black aluminum fence along the right side of the backyard at 17 West Fifth Street.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of two (2) business signs for Lewis Barlett Kees at 304 East Second Street (Husky Housing). The signs will be constructed of sign foam and will be 24" high, 96" long and 1" deep.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Three (3) (P. Kinney, C. Howell and K. Shepperson voting "Yes") to Four (4) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council defeated a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for Beverly Seybert to remove a portion of the porch on the east side of the structure located at 250 Jefferson Street. The result was a denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness due to the lack of specific plans depicting the degree to which historic features of the existing building are altered or removed.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY MARGIN OF EXCELLENCE GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (C. Howell, S. Costa, D. Knorr, D. Levan, P. Kinney and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (K. Shepperson voting "No"), Council approved the submission of a Bloomsburg University Margin of Excellence grant application by Professor Nathaniel Greene for a biofuel heating system at the Recycling Center. C. Fritz noted the grant funds would cover 45% of the project and the Town would need to cover the other 55% or approximately \$11,000.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE STEEL BUILDING MATERIALS FROM BK STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of steel building materials from BK Structural Systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 for the repair of a wall in one of the buildings at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 3,500 RECYCLING BINS FROM BUSCH SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 3,500 recycling bins from Busch Systems International, Inc. in the amount of \$33,915.00 with grant funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO HRI, INC. FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice No. 7 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$12,217.50 for obstruction removal at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO HRI, INC. FOR SITE PREP WORK AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice No. 5 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$35,553.62 for site prep work at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM MADONNA ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR STREATER PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Madonna Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$73,740.00 for the Streater Property Demolition Project. The Town is using 2008 and 2009 CDBG funds for the project.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC CHOICE PROPOSAL FROM ROSE CONSULTING, INC.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, P. Kinney, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) Abstention (D. Knorr "Abstaining"), Council approved an electric choice proposal from Rose Consulting, Inc. at a rate of \$0.08547 cents through Liberty Power for twelve (12) months.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. REPORT

Downtown Manager Megan Hummel regretfully informed everyone that the North Pole Express train ride was cancelled due to business relationship issues between the owner of North Shore Railroad and the operator of the train. Anyone who purchased tickets can receive a full refund by contacting the Chamber of Commerce. Other events are the Santa Parade, November 21st; Community Tree Lighting, November 24th; BTE's Treefest and their presentation of Merry Christmas George Bailey.

APPROVAL OF 2010 FLY-IN AND COMMUNITY DAY WITH CRAFT VENDORS AT BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Airport Advisory Committee to hold their annual Fly-In and Community Day with craft vendors on September 11, 2010 with a rain date of September 12, 2010.

SOLICITOR REPORT

J. Mihalik updated Council on the Manley/Diffenderfer lawsuit. An agreement will be circulated for Council to review for approval at the November 23rd Council meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

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Town Administrator & Secretary